



THE HELEN ISOBEL SISSONS CANADIAN CHILDREN'S STORY AWARD 2011

Celebrate her leadership and community contribution by creating stories for young children that reflect the diversity of the world's population

Administered by PACE (Canada) Project for Advancement of Childhood Education

THIS YEAR'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

It has been a pleasure to participate in the process of reviewing the submissions to this year's Helen Sissons Story Award. The quality of the submissions has been impressive and reflects the growing awareness and credibility of the award within the writing community.

We have no doubt that the clarification of the submission guidelines has proven to be helpful in this regard.

THE WINNER OF THIS YEAR'S AWARD:

Olive Senior's - Anna Carries Water

OUR SHORTLIST INCLUDED:

- Lisa Dalrymple's - Emma's Everywher Friends
- Olive Senior's - Birthday Suit
- Judith Rackham's - Elliott & Amina make their mark
- Nicole Seck's - The Many Colours of Us

PACE Canada reserves the right to send copies of the winning Children's story to its Adopt a School Sponsors in Canada and Jamaica.

*Please review our guidelines on the back for an additional update.

HELEN ISOBEL SISSONS A TRIBUTE

Born and educated in the city of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, she is remembered as educator, conciliator and genuine friend to many. A lover of life and people, she treated others with respect and sensitivity and made a difference in the life and career of the many whose lives she touched in Canada and in other countries, including Jamaica.

Helen was committed to human rights and equity. She contributed a great deal to the positive initiatives taken by the Toronto school system to make the city a welcoming environment for immigrant and refugee children and their parents during the challenging seventies and eighties. Her work with inner-city schools was outstanding. Her personal commitment to enhancing the quality of life for youth and for new Canadians was demonstrated over the years in countless ways.

As Toronto (District) School Board's first Associate Director of Personnel, she pioneered procedures for more equitable hiring and promotion of the city's school board employees. She was honoured by the volunteer groups she served over the years, including Beta Sigma Phi and (Women for) P.A.C.E. (Canada). The Toronto Public Schools Principals' Association and the Organization for Women in Leadership were among the groups that also recognized her contribution.



AWARD CRITERIA & SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

MANUSCRIPT MUST:

- Be unpublished up to the time of application
- Be written by a resident of Canada or the Caribbean
- Have special appeal for children up to seven years of age
- Reflect the diversity of the world's population and values desirable in global citizens

This award is intended to encourage the development of quality literature for young children. P.A.C.E. supports the significant role that literature can play in the development of children's appreciation for books and reading. Copyright of all material remains the author's.

The acceptance of the Award is conditional upon a commitment to acknowledge the assistance of the Helen Sissons Canadian Children's Story Award on publication of the manuscript, and to present the story at a P.A.C.E. (Canada) event.

All arrangements for publication of the manuscript receiving the Award remain the responsibility of the author.

The Award of \$1,000 will be administered by P.A.C.E. (Canada), a registered charity which promotes early childhood education. The Award Committee will be appointed by the P.A.C.E. (Canada) Education Committee. Authors of the award-winning and honourable-mention stories will be notified once the Award Committee decisions have been made. These decisions are final.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

The manuscript submitted should be original and unpublished. Three copies of the hard copy manuscript should be provided, with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please ensure that your submission meets all of the guidelines. Incomplete submissions will not be considered for the Award. P.A.C.E. will not be contacting those whose submissions are incomplete. Manuscripts with self-addressed envelopes will be returned to the author.

MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- *Length should be appropriate to the genre of the story and the age of the children for whom the story is written. (Does not include chapter books)
- If illustrations are central to the storyline, a brief description of these should be included with the manuscript. Please do not include original artwork.
- Submissions should be typed, double-spaced, on 8½ x 11 " paper in 12 point font
- Name and address should appear on the title page. Subsequent pages should be numbered and include a title header.
- Cover Letter must include:
 - Author's full name, address, telephone number(s), fax and e-mail, if available.
 - A brief biography of the author
 - A brief statement indicating how the manuscript meets each of the award criteria.

Mail Submissions to: Chair, Award Committee -Helen Sissons Canadian Children's Story Award
P.A.C.E. (Canada)
33 Hazelton Lane, Lower Ste. 14
Toronto, Ont. M5R 2E3

**Closing Date for Submissions:
Thursday March 22, 2012**

Submissions may also be made electronically at
email@pacecanada.org.

For additional information, or to view other awards and bursaries, please visit our website at: www.pacecanada.org or contact us at 416-208-3103.